Why General Maso Withdrew.

Artington.

PERSONAL.

THE WASHINGTON TIMES. FRANK A. MUNSEY.

A Desire for Pence.

Lord Rosebery's Chesterfield speech is still ringing through Great Britain. Its echoes may not cease until a the furore caused by the ulterances of the ex-Prime Minister is simple: his bold declaration on the Boer problem, with its financial and physient drain upon the nation, touched a responsive chord in the hearts of a large part of unofficial England.

Despite the home and colonial patriotism, so frequently and speciacplarly displayed, Englishmen are practically reduced it to disorganized fighting. They are heartily sick of the drain on the purse and the bloodprice of the conflict. And at heari they are willing to be generous without waiving any of the great principles which they have been taught to believe preclude - consideration of a proposition that might seem to bear the color of a flat com-

The people of England realize that the fire of European hate, which cannot be hidden by the interchange of royal courtesies, has found much fuct a pardon is a good deal like pulling in the South African situation, whether it be just or unjust. The inference that a strong Ministry might have had peace long ago appears to have been vividiy drawn by there are some citizens who will now and none whatever with reference to Rosebery. The second inference, that be trying to get as much fun as posa new and more liberal Ministry sible into nine drinks without going of I cent per gross registered ton for might reach an agreement honorable any further. to England without surrendering any of the coveted rights believed to have been won, seems to have been enthusiastically accepted largely outside of the ultra conservative atmos-

Rosebery's speech is to all appearnnees working like magic leaven on British opinion; and, if it does not Kringle will bring Venezuela an ulin the near days enable John Bull to timatum made in Germany. break the bread of peace with Paul Kruger, the unexpected will once more come to pass.

No Time for Pessimism.

An American newspaper correspondent has transmitted to his cent massacre of United States troops in Samar. After a painstaking study of the Filipino he reaches the pessimistic conclusion that, as a candidate for benevolent assimilation, the Asiatic of this particular type is indigestible. The statement is boldly and baldly made that the foundation of his character is treachery and the superstructure atrocity.

Measured by certain occurrences alone, the situation in the archipelago would appear hopeless. The latest reports concerning the proposed extension of military rule seem to strengthen the position of the doubter. According to American rapid transit ideas, progress has been very slow in the matter of regeneration. The cost, too, has been heavy and the wounds inflicted have left

But we believe that the leading tendency will continue to be the encouragement of faith in the efficacy of American push and American ideas supported by American arms.

Inflexible pessimism bas few, if any, victories to its credit. Healthful optimism, girded with a determination to do what is branded imposslide by the cynic, has achieved some noteworthy triumples in every field of human effort.

The pacification of the Philippines is not a child's play problem; it can interest in the matter of Chinese ex not be solved by gratmitous criticism of the methods employed or by theorizing in the comfortable atmosphere of the library. Yet we are patriatic enough to believe that, whatever mistakes of judgment may be

Mr. Bok's Providence,

The "Ladies' Home Journal" pious ly gives thanks that there is not such a thing as black snow. The irreverent might suggest that there is in Pittsburg, for example—but this would spoll the argument, and is unkind. It is explained that whereas white snow is cold by the very nature. of it, block, red, and yellow are "the warm colors," and if we had black snow it would radiate heat instead of cold and be nimost unbearable.

This starts a train of reflection so incolved that the incautious thinker is liable to get snarled up in it and have to call for a theologian to unravel him. In the first place, it seems as if warm snow would really be rather a blessing than otherwise, In the winter, when everything is cold and dreary, and one is inclined to wonder why the Providence of Mr. Bok should be thanked for arranging that snow should be white and chilly, It reminds us of the Irishman's enquiry why the sun did not shine in the night, when it was needed. If we are to have white, cold snow, it | is in the summer and reduce the ice the Spanish authorities may not exert themselves to supply the evidence peeded bill; while the black snow could be spread over the earth in winter and save Journing so much coal. Thus would two trusts be smashed by the simple and leneficent workings of nature; but unfortunately, untore does not work that way.

As for red or yellow snow, that would hardly be pleasant. The community is painted red at rare intervals, and that is about as much as it can stand; and anybody who has had the jaundice knows that it is not comfortable to be yellow. From an expense at the Milan International exposition in 1904. He offered a similar much better for the nerves than red, yellows or black. It is more closeful. pellows or black. It is more cheerful ticans," by Mascagni.

especially if you have not to be out in it with insufficient protection,

But the main queerness of Mr. Bok's sermon on the ways of Provi-Ministry has been overthrown and dence lies in this: Hot, black snow another built. The explanation of would melt before it ever became tive strength of the friends and oppo-Under existing conditions, Congress

> is entitled to a great deal of the praise for Washington's development and nearly all the blame for its staglittion.

forded the Orange River clad in yel- laure to weary of the war, now in its third low gaiters, lavender trousers, and year. They are weary of it notwith- other gorgeous raiment. What an just, standing the fact that Kitchener has opportunity was lost by the saffron so much importance to speed, and to make It is said that the famous whisper-

> ing gallery at the Capitol has been injured by some of the recent repairs. If this is so it will have gone out of commission at about the same time as the whispering gallery at the White House It is instructive to study the English pardon system as contrasted

with our own. Here the prisoner

oneself up by the bootstraps. that ten drinks make a load; and no distinction made on account of size,

to know what Santa Claus is going to tons, completed and registered after the bring them, all they have to do is to passage of the act, 0.25 cent per ton for read the cream-colored papers, and they will know just as much about it as they did before.

If rumors are correct, Kris

Even if Chile wore mistletoe, it is doubtful whether Argentina would be ready to kiss and make up.

Two prominent Frenchmen have arrived in this country with the avowed purpose of studying trusts. It is injournal a graphic account of the re- teresting to note that their apparent intention is not prevention, but imi-

> In keeping with the holiday spirit, the Western railroad war has slowed down to about ten miles an hour.

Russia has been asked to withdraw from Manchuria. The Cznr is likely to reply that he came in through the open door and intends to remain.

Compared with De Wet, the Irishman's flea is one of the also rans.

Judging from the numerous comhensible as the Chinese mind.

CURRENT PRESS COMMENT.

Unfit for Publication Philadelphia - Ledger - Ex-Appraiser made, American bravery, ingenuity, Wakeman's opinion of the Administration and nerseverance will solve it. But adapted to the Christman scason.

> A Plain Business Proposition. St. Louis Republic-Labor and capital are partners in the world of trade and in-

Disagreements between them are Bitter Medicine,

stood up in the Senate and said they would not take the canal treaty in their a have to take it shiphow. It Goes Just the Same

Salt Lake City Tribune Diplomats in Washington may regard the President's interpretation of the Monroe Dourine as new, but whether it is new or old

Where Brynn Has the Call.

Atlanta Journal-There is an advantage, after all, in not being elected President. For instance, Mr. Bryan can send

messages to Congress every week. To Avoid Unpleasantness. Chicago News-The New York professor

who hypnetizes actremes to make them win fame should also hypnotize the audiso there might be no possible slip

The Spanish-American Claims. Philadelphia Record-The situation has ome supremely humorous phases; but inthemselves to supply the evidence or defent firtilism or exortdinot claims, the affair is no joking matter.

Seat and Blant.

Boston Transcript-According to the recount of the voice cast at the city election our old acquaintance, "scattering," received but one vote, "Scat" appears to be losing his grip. On the other hand, "Blank," made a poll of 2,26% votes.

Chance for American Composers.

Signor Sonsogno offers a prize of \$10,000 for the best one-act opera in any lan-

UNDER THE CAPITOL'S DOME.

At the Capitol the belief is freely expressed by the friends of the shipping subsidy measure that it will have much smoother sailing in the present Congress than it had in the last. Bills identical in their provisions have been introduced into the Senate and House by Senator Frye and Representative Grosvenor, remediately after the holiday recess is over it is believed that the measure will be strongly pressed. It is not known that any pell has been taken for the purpose of ascertaining the relasnow. This is an esoteric fact with ments of the bill, but those who have it the convincingness of a log of wood. In charge believe that the opposition has been greatly weakened by the elimina tion of the especially objectionable features of last year's bill. As is well known, those who believed in

the general principle of steamship subsidies, but were antagonistic to the partic ular bill then pending, based their opp-Commandant Kritchiger recently major portion of the benefits would orded the Orange River clad in yel-'ocean greybounds," as they are called. The argument was made that it was unjust, in paying freight bounties, to attach so much difference between a vessel of iwenty knots and one of twelve or four-teen, especially as the great bulk of the freight is carried in the slower vessels. The new bill classes the sums to be paid under two general heads-mail steamthips and subsidies for freighters that do not carry mails. To the first the pay-ments are rated according to size and speed, because harge size is an element of safety, and speed is always a matter of importance in mail carriage. But even in regard to these vessels the payments range only from 1.5 cents per gross ton Higher E for each 100 nautical miles sailed to I. cents for the same distance, while up presses the button and the executive to 2.3 cents. These payments to mail does the rest; but there, getting steamers are nominally for carrying the they are intended as a general subsidy.

In the case of the regular freighters A Washington magistrate has roled | which carry no malls, there is practically each 100 nautical miles sailed by either a sail or steam vessel; and then for each If the little Roosevelts really want | vessel of more than 1,500 gross registered each 100 nautical miles sailed, which latter is in addition to the I cent first provided for. This provision that new vessels of not exceeding 1.500 tons shall not receive any subsidy is regarded by the friends of the measure as a just and proper discrimination to be made, be-couse it is not deemed advisable in these days of rapid marine development to en-courage the building of very small ships. The new bills also exclude foreign built ships owned wholly or in part by Americans from the benefits of the act, thus removing another objection which was Governor Hogg and His Watch, stoutly urged against the old measure. One morning last October I awake It is not to be supposed, though, that the strong opponents of subsidies, in gen-eral, are satisfied with the changes made in these bills. It is claimed that the failure to draw a time limit on the general subsidy of I cent per ton is a serious de-fect; that the bill is faulty in not prescribing a maximum amount to be paid under its provisions; that the omission of the provisions contained in the old bill prohibiting monopolles and combinations among shipbuilders, detracts greatly from the merits of the new-measure. It is not improbable that some of these criticians may be obviated by amendment in committee, for it is certain that the friends of the measure are decirous of strength-ening it in every possible way that will General De Wet has another narrow escape from the British to his credit.

of our merchant marine. They are not disposed to haggle much over small mat-

ters connected with it.

when the Republicans are in control of the House the contestants are generally flepoblicans, while the condition is reversed when the Democrats are in the ascendency in that body. Unsuccessful candidates feel that they have a botter chance when their cwn party is in power. Accordingly, it is not surprising that in the three cases pending before the committee named the contestants are all Republicans. The grounds of these contests are those with which the public is so familiar in connection with such cases arising in the South. The allegations are intimidation, false registration, false.

The true displaying a morning paper that had an item regarding the arrest of a bottel sheak thief in Philadelphia. The only part that interested me was the conjugate, which stoke of his capture only the flower of the contest of the contest

this time to say anything definite, as the committee has not yet begun the work of investigation, and none of the proofs have been presented on either side. The Kenthekk read in the first side of the proofs have been presented on either side. The Nushville Banner-The six persons who kentucky case is set for hearing Janu-tood up in the Sennie and said they ary 3, and the Alabama case the 15th The senid not take the canal treaty in their n Missouri record is still incomplete. Contissouri record is still incomplete asted election cases qually pose that there will be any exception to the rule. It is frequently remarked by old members that when the House is onless are generally more doubtful in their equities than when the majority is so large as to stand in no special need of being increased. There have been cases, dug increased. There have been causs, wever, decided in closely balanced ington representative.

"I recall an incident of my Siberian." Houses with a most scrupalous regard for the evidence and the law.

TEXANS AT THE WHITE HOUSE. Two Prominnet Politicians From

Lone Star State Call. Ex-Governor Hogg of Texas, who no finds more profit in oil wells than he did in presiding over the destinies of the Lone Star State, called at the White House yes rday. He was accompanied by Repre-statise De Graffenreid of Texas. Representative De Graffenreid has a hot

hight for re-election on his hands. He has recently been redistricted, with the effect of weakening his constituency's vot-PRESENTED TO MR. ROOSEVELT.

A Biography of Andrew Johnson Left at White House.

Representative Brownlow of Tenne ce pesterday presented the Presiden with a handsomely bound copy of a blog raphy of President Andrew Johnson, writ ten by the Rev. J. S. Jones, of Tennessee. The book was given to the President through Representative Brownlow by Andrew Johnson Patterson.

Plooded With Applications.

Secretary Root and the Assistant Secre the effect 12.2 many appointments are I England. Some day that feeling may find about to be made on the temporary roll. I vent on the red field of battle."

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Francis Collins cel-"The election that is scheduled to take | christed the liftintly armiversary of their place in Cuba on the list of the present | marriage last night by gathering should month ought to be deferred through the them their children and grandchildren and intervention of the United States for a a company of old and valued (riends, month, in order that our people may have | Owing to the illness of Mr. C. A. Obera fair chance to choose the men they chain, their son-in-law, no invitations really wish to put in glower," said Mr. F. were issued. The old-fashioned residence Pierra, of Cuba, last night at the 3015 O Street was decorated in golden vellow chrysanthemums and the table ap-

He is pre-eminently qualified for the Miss Mary A. Hindle, of the old District executive office, and beyond all question family of that name.

is preferred over Senor Estrada Palma. The heat and hustess received in the by the people of Cuba, could the real sentiment of the voters be learned. Maso is the idol of the working classes, the fall the means the children, Father to working classes, the fall the work their children, Father to work the children of the country of that name. common people of the island, and at the same time he is just as greatly fixed by the conservatives and people of the best standing who have implicit confidence in Mrs. J. A. Oberchain, and Mrs. Joseph W. Collins, Nrs. C. A. Oberchain, and Mrs. and Mrs. J. Mrs. J. M. Sayder.

Why did he withdraw from the field? ness is a cut and dried thing, prearranged in Palma's interest, through the help of the office-holding element of Cuba. The the office-holding element of tunes, central board of scrutiny, at Havana, which has almost absolute control of every detail of the election machinery, is covery detail of the election machinery, is Washington set with which Mr. and Mrs. Collins have been identified for so many are five men on the board, and there

sothing they will not do to assure the success of their candidate. "In the province of Santa Clara some 12,000 fraudulent names have been registered, but that many votes will counted. There is no minority repres tation that amounts to anything, and General Maso had no alternative but is

Higher Education in the South.

"The people of Nashville and the entire State of Tennessee are very proud of Vanderbilt University," said Prof. Frederick W. Moore, who occupies the chair of history in that institution, to a reporter for The Times last night at the Ebbitt. The university is now just over the quarter-century mark, and we are gratified by the record. It has an exceelingly useful and able man for its chief office Chancellor James H. Kirkland, whose ad ministration has been signally successful Vanderbilt is not poor exactly having the interest on an investment of \$1,000,000, but when we read of the donations of the Rockefellers and Stanfords it makes our

an aroused public interest in the vause of higher education. The number of high schools and schools that fit accepts for offege work is increasing stendily, and the character of work done by them is constantly improving. Vanderbilt has ap-proximately 700 students. It has never tried for enormous attendance, preferring fewer numbers with higher standards for admission to heavy enrollment. There is a growing demand for college men as teachers who expect to make teaching cation.

"One morning last October I awoke in my room at the Waldorf to find that a slick thief had entered my chamber and possessed himself of my valuables," remarked ex-Gov. J. S. Hegg, of Texas, as he reclined in a seat in the New Willard lobby and slowly wound a magnificent geld watch.

"Yes, it was the loss of this identical watch that bothered me, for it was a present. It was given me by the Texas Volunteer Guard. You see its outside decorations—flags, helmets, side-arms, and can-non. On the dial, instead of figures or letters to note the hours, are the words Governor Hogg, which makes the exact number necessary for marking the time. "When I saw that a robber had secured

my timeplece, overcoat, and purse, I sent for the house detective, and related my loss. I told him I didn't at heart cherish any bitterness toward my despectation if would not have committed the theft, if any bitterness toward my despoiler Although not much has been said shout he hadn't been desperately hard up. If unit them, the present Congress, or, in a nar-the fellow could be found, he would be in night. plications it has caused, the Chinese rower sense, the House of Representations in danger from me. He was in greater danger by keeping the things of which protocol must be almost as incompretives, will have its usual grist of conhe had rebbed me. They would be of no

imidation. Take registration, false "If there is any moral in the incident ording and the entire list of fraudulent effices usually charged."

"If there is any moral in the incident if is that it is the worst sort of folly, efficient usually charged.

summer of 1899, when the journey was atseling, and there is no reason to sup- tended with frontier discomforts and involved 800 miles of disagreeable riding on miles of travel by river and rail. Mr. honor of her guest, Miss Stella Kemper, Bunker was honorary commissioner of of Baltimare. The eacher was followed foreign commerce for the San Francisco by a supper and speech-making. The Chamber of Commerce of which institu-

trip," and he, "that made an impression which I shall not soon forgot. We had reached Khabarovsk, at the junction of the Amur and Ussuri Rivers, the head-quarters of Major General Grodekoff, then, as now. Governor of Fastera Siberia, Eti-quette obliged me to present my letter of brated the twenty-fifth anniversary of ntroduction from County Cassini at clock in the morning, the official rece tion hour. I donned my dress suit, de rigeuer in Russian official circles, morn-

The general and his staff gave me a cordial greeting and there was an ex-change of courtesies. Then an aide-de-ramp, who alone spoke English, said: The general has noticed your desera-tion and desires to know its name and right. We are all carrous about it." "I told him I wore it became one of my

ancestors distinguished himself on the American side in the war with Great Brit-ain in 1776. We Grashed the English then, I shit, and later in 1812. You ought to have seen the admiring, approving congratulatory glaness and smiles from every man present as my reply was translated. That I was morely a descendant of one who had fought Aibion was enough.

IN SOCIETY.

"You have read of the withdrawal of pointments were in white and gold.
Seneral Mass from the Presidential race. Mrs. Collins Before her marriage Mrs. Collins before her marriage

Mrs. J. M. Snyder.

The day also marked the coming of age of their eldest grandchild, who, however, is in Philadelphia and was imable to be present. Of the twelve grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Collins, ten were present. The guests present represented the old

Dr. and Mrs. Jenkins entertained a dinner company last night. They will also give a tea Christmas afternoon.

The illness of Mrs. William A. Maury, 1767 Massachusetts Avenue, caused Mr. Maury to recall the invitations which he has extended annually to his friends for Christmas afternoon for nireteen years. Only twice in that length of time have Mr. and Mrs. Maury been prevented from exchanging Christmas greetings with their friends under their hospitable roof-

Miss Burleigh, daughter of Governor and 3-rs. Burleigh, who is spending the winter in New York, continuing her vocal studies with Willis E. Bacheller, arrived here Saturday evening to spend Christmas with her parents at the Hotel Richmond.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Windsor, 145 E Street southeast, Saturday evening last was thronged with many friends, the occasion being the celebra tion of the twentieth anniversary of their marriage. The parlors were decorated with palms and cut flowers, and the dining room with holly and evergreen. The receiving party consisted of Mrs. Norbeck, Miss Halley, Miss Porter, Miss Burr, and Miss Sigourney. Mr. and Mrs. Windsor received quite a number of elegant and costly gifts.

oong those present were: Mr. and L. H. Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Windsor and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. D. Sherman Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Engene Norbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Stead, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Donnelly, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney I. Besselievre, Mr. and Mrs. C. Norman Beaton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Benson Lower, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ben-Mr. and Mrs. Cantage Of S. Swank Mr. and Mrs. George W. Barkman, sr., Mrs. F. T. Porter, Mrs. C. P. Sigourney, Mrs. M. J. Rowe, Mrs. W. C. Hinton, Mrs. Mary Seltzer, Mrs. William Buckley, Mrs. Mary Hahn and son, Mrs. Mollie Lee, Mrs. Mrs. A. M. Johnson, Mrs. C. Auldridge, Miss. C. M. Johnson, Mrs. C. Auldridge, Miss Cooksey, Miss Elimbeth Cooksey, Miss Hahn, Misses Sarah F. Halley, Maggie Halley, Florence Holley, Beaste Halley, Elia Halley, Helen Halley, Beaste Halley, Ellis Halley, Miss Elley Miss Elsie Snow, Miss Stake, Miss Effic Rowe, and Messrs. Ned Phillips, Will H. Starnell, C. B. Cooksey, L. W. Will H. Starnell, C. B. Cooksey, L. W. Farrier, Clinton James, C. L. Bicksler, Robert L. Evans, Harry Sigourney, and Lemuel H. Windsor.

Representative and Mrs. Showalter will have as their house guests during the holidays Miss Tillman, daughter of Senator Tillman, and Miss Chisholm, of Pitts-burg, friends of their schoolgirl daughter. Mrs. Showalter will entertain at an infor-

The weather man may take notice that an umbrella Christmas is quite as had as a green one.

The manuager in which there are Moss versus Rhos, from the Third states of the Law and the promptly after Congress reconvenes. The manuager is which there are Moss versus Rhos, from the Third states of the Law and the promptly after Congress reconvenes. The manuager is which there are Moss versus Rhos, from the Third states of the Law and the promptly after Congress reconvenes. The manuager is which there are Moss versus Rhos, from the Third states of the Law and the promptly after Congress reconvenes. The proceeding the control of the Law and the promptly after Congress reconvenes. The proceeding the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse. The proceeding the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse. The proceeding the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse. The proceeding the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse. The proceeding the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse. The proceeding the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse. The proceeding the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse. The proceeding the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse. The proceeding the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse. The proceeding the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse. The proceeding the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse and the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse and the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse and the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse and the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse and the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse and the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse and the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse and the promptly after Congress reconvenes are the reverse are usually of the lean and the promptly after Congress reconvenes are usually of the lean and the promptly afte

The manner in which they are brandishing the South American Yule-log promises news.

If King Edward does not find a new Ministry in his stocking, it will not be the fault of the gentleman who has emerged from his "furrow."

If the Pacific and Atlantic States could change populations, the latter would doubtless take a much livelier would doubtless take a much livelier would contract in the notter of Ching and the statements are generally interest in the patter of Chings of the contestants are generally interest in the notter of Chings of the contestants are generally to the contestants are generally to the factor of their opponents. Thus we find that the contestants are generally interest in the notter of Chings of their opponents are contested versus Rhes, from the factor of Alamond district of Kentucky. Spears versus defence thank in Brazil, and the watch he wouldn't take wouldn't dare to exhibit, for it was a sure give-away, and besides he couldn't tell the time by it anyway. The detective the Joseph Sherman Ford, of Exeter, N. H., and Horace L. Cheyney, of Cheyney, Pa. The maid of honor was Miss Mary Peters, of Kansas City, Mo., and the bridesmaids man, of Baltimore, Md. The bride were a gown of ivory white satin, chilfon, and duchesace lace. Her bouquet was of white ruses and Biles of the valley. The maid of honor wore a beautiful gown of nile green silk muslin and carried white roses. To bridesmaids were gowns of white organ is and carried red roses. The maid ionor and the bridesmalds were bull length veils. The bride came in with he father, who gave her away. The relative to steal things that can't help but get a regue into trouble."

Russian Hatred of Albion.

At the Hotel Normandie are Mr. and mother and two little sisters were also mother and two little sisters were also Mrs. William Mitchell Bunker, of San Francisco. They crossed Siberia in the mont. Philadelphia, and New York on

their way to their future home at Exeter A progressive euchre was given fast the post rood, as well as thousands of evening by Miss Hortense Southelmer in whole house, including the table, was dep erated with mistletoe and carnations Among the invited guests were the Misse Barris, Meyers Frank, Cohen, Auerbach, Brock, Prince, and Woog; Messes, Mey-ers, Newmeyer, Brock, Blumenfield, Cohen, Richold, and Frank.

9 their marriage at 719 Sixth Street Decem ber 19. A large number of friends assembled to congratulate the happy couple or ing as well as evening and as President of the American Extension and as President of the American Extensionary Society of California were fay badge of office. A great badge that, with its gilt engle chitching a Maltes cross in white cannel, backed by a wreath of bine and gold, and in the centre's a small metallion head of Washington. Church, performed served b lorded with silver remembrances to the bride and green. Telegrams of congratu-tation from Union Hill, N. J.; Haboken, brooklyn, and New York were read, ilso a nocm written in German was dedi

The executive board of the District Federation of Woman's Clubs is busily engaged in formulating its winter plan Committees are being appointed, the presidents of the twelve clubs, of which the federation is composed, are being so

PHILIPPINES AMERICAN SOIL.

Navy Department Holds That Statute of Limitations Applies.

The opinion of the Judge Advocate General that the Philippine Islands are Unit statute of limitations applies to naval offences has been approved by the Secretary of the Navy

The case which called forth the decision was that of a sailor who deserted two years ago in the Philippines and enlisted in the army. The naval authorities took steps to have him tried on a charge of descrition, and the court-martial procodings were approved.

When the matter came before him the Judge Advocate General decided that offence was barred by the statute of limitations, as it had been committed on United States territory and over two years ago, and the proceedings against the descrier have been stopped.

TO ATTEND CORONATION.

Men Who Will Probably Compos Congressional Delegation.

Senator Cuttom, Chairman of the Coinmittee on Fereign Relations, will introduce a joint resolution when Congress reconvenes providing that a delegation from the present Congress be sent to represent the United States at the coronation of King Edward VII.

The resolution will provide that a least six members of the Foreign Relations Committee of both houses be ap-

There is considerable sentiment in favor of having Congress represented at the pageant, and it is believed that such a resolution will be adopted without op-

All the expenses will be paid from the contingent funds of the respective houses, and the delegation will leave the United States about three weeks before the date

for the royal event. The statesmen who will probably be selected on the committee are Senators Cullom, Frye, Lodge, Foraker, Spooner, and Morgan, and Representatives Hitt, Adams, Beidler, Clark, Cousins, and Heat-

PHANTOMS OF GUNSTON HALL.

Christmas Night Stanzas Penciled by Gifted Robert W. Wright.

To the Editor of The Times: Gunston Hall, the picturesque old mansion which stands on a commanding Potomac River site adjacent to Mount Vernon, is unquestionably second only to that famous place in the history of America. Both are interwoven with the be permitted to weep and to shed real stirring events of colonial times, which | tears? Do not such tears exert an illegitmust ever remain dear to the memories of all true Americans.

Gunston Hall was built nearly 200 years ago by that great statesman, George Mason, author of Virginia's first constitution, also her "Bill of Rights"-the magna charts of American freedom. He gave for the Old Dominion's great seal the one of the chief framers of this nation's Constitution, and by some historians has been declared "the wiscat man of his

Washington, Lafayette, Franklin, De-Kalb, Jefferson, Patrick Henry, Madison, Adams, and hosts of other patriots were wont to assemble at this hospitable home for consulation upon matters of state. Yuletide and other social events were mere also observed in a style belitting Veson's means and tastes.

With time's changes alien owners of Gunston have successively come and gone. To one family of these-his relatives-the late Hon. Robert W. Wright, M. C., of connecticut, paid a Christmas visit years Mrs. Lind, assisted by Mrs. Deards, en- ago. He was assigned to a stately guest Delaware Indians, living in and near terizined the D. K. Euchre Club last chamber of this grand old Virginia house. Philadelphia, in which they ask for rectested election cases to deal with. There carthiv use to him, and would only serve Thursday at 1361 Maryland Avenue north- The next morning, at the breakfast table, ognition of their claim against the Goveast. A delicious juncheon was served and he presented his niece and hostess, Mrs. ernment for a share of the lands and an-Daniels, the stanzas which follow. The lines were inspired by his surroundings. and were pencifed upon the fly-leaves of a compensation for the relinquishment a volume taken from the carved oaken of their tribal lands. No action has as

Judge Wright was one of New England's most gifted literary men. His classical atire, 'The Old South Church: or, A Vision of Judgment,' together with other brilliant productions in both prose and a membership of 188, who can trace their

rilliant productions of the production of the pr Washington, December 23, 1901. GENSTON HALL

sate in Gunston Hall; rim shadows on the wall Around me pressed. As momentum of a past Came crowding thick and fast, And to the mind, at fast, Their thems addressed.

Back from a shaftony fand They marched, a noble has A stalwart rase; I saw them come and go, As if they thought to show Their paries grander to My heart space. Prom floor to ceiling high And ancient panel righ. Their faces showed; I marked them, one and all, Najoric, great and tall.

Then half and neutrino wide They filled on every side. With whites grand; While, at the once gate. Ranged entrages of state. With spectral streds to mate.
The shadowy band.

I are the yule-log blaze, As in colonial days. As this old hall; With beauty fissioning high, And gallants through mich, As when some love-lit eye Helius man in thrall.

Then promier forms were seen, of more majorthe mice,
These grand old Enights,
Whose sires at Retarringed
Stucket England with a freed
Of men who made diep bred
There analysis's rights.

Their spectral grandom should in every step they strode Through ancient hall; tool momen held their place,

Each captive limband vied, With assertheart by the aids To corn her sway, Web practiced feas the art The cin, thus keep a beast That care to Captal's dist Had talken proy. While wive with lovers draws To keep the torch of love In constant flame. That, like seven the possible. They might return their sers, And yet their basis obey By rightful claim.

Thus passed the abusiness throng, in midy groups along. And fames played, the pixtured, one by our. These spectral avenes upon My mind, gas night wave on With deepming stude.

And as my cyclide fell.

They grew more judgable.
These spectres grand?
That still in Ganston Hall
Hold nightly extnival.
As farry wields without
Her conjurer's ward!
Her conjurer's ward!

MR. EVANS NON-COMMITTAL.

Declines to Express an Opinion on the Pension Board Change.

The Commissioner of Pensions, Mr. Henry Clay Evans, yesterday declined to ed States territory in so far as the express an opinion regarding the bill introduced in the House of Representatives which proposes the abolition of the Board of Pension Appeals and the establishment of a "Court of Pension Appeals."

The bill, which is the work of Repreentative Boreing, of Kentucky, provides for a court which shall be modeled some what after the Court of Claims. It provides for seven judges, not more than five of whom shall belong to the same party, who shall be appointed by the President and hold office during good be-

The compensation is to be the same as that of the judges of the Court of Claims. The hearing and adjudication of cases which arise under the present pension laws, or those which may be enacted hereafter, will come under the jurisdiction of

the proposed court.

The bill defines the duty of the court to The bill defines the duty of the court to determine all claims for pensions, increases, restorations to the pension roll, and arrears of pensions arising under the laws of the United States, which may be appealed to it from the decision of the Commissioner, together with all applications for pensions and arrears of pensions which do not come within pension law and carnot be adjudgated and allows. carnot be adjudicated and allowed by the

missioner. final, except when in the judgment of the court the claimant has an equitable right to relief, but for which the law makes no

In such cases the court is to have the right to recommend to Congress that the claim be allowed.

FOR LAWYERS WHO WEEP.

Russian Comment on Practice of the Plending Counsel,

The manner in which the Russians view the shedding of tears by lawyers in American courts when pleading a case in behalf of a client who has the bars of a prison staring him in the face can be judged from the editorial comment made upon the ruling of a Tennessee judge which appeared in the columns of the "Novoe Vremya," of St. Peteraburg.

The article as it appeared was translated from the Russian by Mr. Limisay S. Perkins, clerk in the Eastern division of the Pension Office, and is as follows: "Some time ago a court in the State of

Tennessee considered the following ques-

"Should an attorney for the defence, in addressing a jury in behalf of his client, imate influence upon the jury? "It appears that in America many law-

yers exercise their greatest influence upon the court and succeed in proving the innocence of their ellents not through the eloquence of their oratory, but by merely weeping. The jury at once acquise the most hardened culprit after such an exhibition. That is not all; they themselves break down and sob at seeing the lawyer "The court decided that tears are weap-

ons of defence and that an autorney might weep himself into byskeries in be-half of his client if he so desired. So that American lawyers will hereafter cry whenever and however they please. "Up to this time none of our Russian lawyers has been known to shed any but

croccdile tears. They might weep in earnest, however, over the loss of a good fat fee." CLAIM TO BE DELAWARES.

Pennsylvanians Who Can Trace An-

cestry to Famous Indian Tribe. The Office of Indian Affairs has received a petition from the descendants of the nuities granted to the Turtle tribe in 18 as compensation for the relinquishment yet been taken in the matter by the In-

dian Office. The "Society of the Descendants of Delaware Indians" has been formed with lineage to the aboriginal owners of the land, and the chairman of the society's advisory committee claims to be a greatgreat-grandson of the Turtle chieftain Nedowaway, who was a signer of the treaty of 1718, by which the tribe became disposessed of much of its lant. This grandson of Nedowaway, however.

a now known as Franklin H. T. Jones and has in his possession many documents which bear the signature of William Penn. Walk," as it is called, the Indians agreed on foot in two days, and the surveyors

sho measured the land covered 86 miles In 1868, the Government gave 300 of the Indians tracts on the Missouri River, and ertain annuities, but only 700 of the went West, the remaining members of the tribe staying in Pennsylvania.

The 100 who remained were afterward custed and left to shift for themselves, some of them becoming wanderers, and a old home, and from this latter body the

Priceless Volume Presented to Sec. retary Hay by Oscar Straus. Oscar Straus of New York, formerly Unister to Turkey, called on Secretary Hay yesterday, and left a Christmas present with which Mr. Hay was delighted.

ONCE OWNED BY WASHINGTON.

It was a copy of Oliver Goldsmith's "Life of Shakespeare," an early and rare edition, but it had a greater value than its literary rarity, in having come from the library of George Washington Washington's personal bookplate, the familiar arms of his family, on which the American flag was modeled, adorns the inside of the cover and the signature of the first President appears on the title page as clearly as if it had been written yeare-lay instead of more than a hun-

dred years ago. The print is excellent and the binding handson LIBRARY OFFERED TO NYACK.

Mr. Carnegie Will Make Gift Sab. ject to His Usual Conditions. NYACK, N. Y., Dec. 23.-Andrew Caregic today, through James Bertram, his private secretary, offered to give Nyack \$15,000 for a public library building provided Nyack people will guarantee (Ac sum of \$1,500 a year to maintain the institution and furnish a site for the build-

The offer will doubtless be accepted. ANOTHER CARNEGIE GIFT.

Danville, Ill., Gets a Library for

Christmas Present. DANVILLE, III., Dec. 23.-The city of

Danville received a Christmas present today from Andrew Carnegie in the shape of a gift of \$49,000 for a public library Mr. Carnegie makes the gift with the usual conditions-that the city of Dan-

ville furnish a site for the library